



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Public Meeting of the Interagency Steering Committee on Radiation Standards (ISCORS)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will host a meeting of the Interagency Steering Committee on Radiation Standards (ISCORS) on Monday, November 9, 2015 in Washington, DC. The purpose of ISCORS is to foster early resolution and coordination of regulatory issues associated with radiation standards.

Member agencies include: EPA; the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and Departments of Energy; Defense; Transportation; Homeland Security; Health and Human Services; and Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Observer agencies include: the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Office of Management and Budget, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, as well as state representatives from Arizona and Pennsylvania. ISCORS maintains several objectives: (1) facilitate a consensus on allowable levels of radiation risk to the public and workers; (2) promote consistent and scientifically sound risk assessment and risk management approaches in setting and implementing standards for occupational and public protection from ionizing radiation; (3) promote completeness and coherence of Federal standards for radiation protection; and (4) identify interagency radiation protection issues and coordinate their resolution.

ISCORS meetings include presentations by Subcommittee Chairs and discussions of current radiation protection issues. Committee meetings normally involve pre-decisional

intra-governmental discussions and, as such, are normally not open for observation by members of the public or media. This particular ISCORS meeting is open to all interested members of the public. Time will be reserved on the agenda for members of the public to provide comments.

PLEASE NOTE: A discussion on the draft International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Safety Requirements document, DS457, Preparedness and Response for a Nuclear or Radiological Emergency, is scheduled for this meeting and is intended to provide an overview and invite viewpoints on the draft document during the IAEA Member State review process. The U.S. government, as a member state of the IAEA, is afforded an opportunity to provide comments. The draft document is available at: <http://www-ns.iaea.org/downloads/standards/drafts/ds457.pdf>. The IAEA Safety Standards are not binding on the U.S., and the standards are used in different ways in different countries. The U.S. does not routinely adopt IAEA Safety Standards, but has considered the safety standards as a useful point of reference in the development of proposals under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) for changes to regulations or guidance in the U.S. Members of the public who attend the ISCORS meeting will also be afforded the opportunity to provide any viewpoints that they might wish the U.S. government to consider in the development of comments. In light of the importance of this draft document, particularly in light of the events at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station, this meeting provides an opportunity for input, but it is not considered as formal public comment. Any future actions by an agency of the U.S. government to consider use of the IAEA document, when finalized, will be subject to the normal APA process for notice and comment. Presentations of previous ISCORS public meetings are

available at the ISCORS website, www.iscors.org. The final meeting agenda will be posted on the website shortly before the meeting. Please note that this public meeting will not have an available conference line due to conference room restrictions.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2015, from 1:00pm to 4:30pm.

ADDRESSES: The ISCORS meeting will be held in Room 1153 at the USEPA William Jefferson Clinton East Building (WJC East), 1201 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC. Attendees are required to present a photo ID such as a government agency photo identification badge or valid driver's license. The Department of Homeland Security has begun implementing REAL ID Act requirements for visitors who present state-issued driver's licenses as IDs at restricted federal facilities. Driver's licenses from states and territories that do not comply with the REAL ID Act will not be accepted as identification. More details on these ID requirements can be found at <http://www2.epa.gov/aboutepa/visiting-epa-headquarters> and clicking on the Building Access tab. Visitors and their belongings will be screened by EPA security guards. Visitors must sign the visitors log at the security desk and will be issued a visitors badge by the security guards to gain access to the meeting.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pay parking is available for visitors at multiple garages around the Ronald Reagan building and Federal Triangle complex. Visitors can also ride metro to the Federal Triangle station (Blue and Orange Line). After exiting the turnstiles, go up both escalators to street level. Turn around and walk towards 12th Street N.W. Turn right on 12th street and continue walking until you get to Constitution Avenue. Then turn right onto Constitution Avenue and 1201 William Jefferson Clinton East is the first building on your right. Visit the ISCORS website, www.iscors.org for more detailed information.

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